

# GIFTS

**"Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." – ECCLESIASTES 11:1**



A FEW OF THE MYANMAR FAMILIES HELPED DURING THE 2025 EARTHQUAKE RELIEF RESPONSE.

**R**elief is part of our name, and we are excited to share with you a few updates from our relief projects in this newsletter. But you might wonder – the Myanmar earthquake happened a year ago, so why is CRWRF still reporting on this project in Spring 2026? Let us try to shed some light on that.

When we begin a project, in response to a natural disaster or man-made crisis, there are careful evaluations regarding the “on-the-ground” partner we want to work with. Are they a Christian organization? Do they share the Gospel with those in need? What is their capacity for helping and how would our money be used? Will they submit proper reporting after the project is complete? Once the partnership is formalized, an official proposal for the relief work is then submitted for approval. Though we work to respond quickly, this process takes time and a lot of communication between the board members and our partners.

Once the project proposal is approved, we send the funds and pray that the work is done to God’s honour and glory. Sometimes we

have to wait a while to receive a final report, but it always comes. These reports are filled with impact stories, photos, charts, and other evidence that our Heavenly Father has blessed the work and changed lives. After reviewing, we can finally pass these updates on to you. Exercising due diligence takes time but it is an important aspect of our role.

Relief work is short-term immediate support, usually in the form of food, water, health care, and shelter – the stuff that keeps people alive! Rehabilitation aims to bring people back to their pre-crisis state, and our development projects try to address the root of poverty. Increasing the capacity of individuals and communities and achieving lasting transformation is the ultimate goal of development projects.

***It is our prayer that these updates are encouraging and that you continue to pray along with us for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.***

# Relief Project Updates

## Lending Hands to People in Despair



India

This project began in 2024 as a development relief project to assist those affected by the sudden rise in ethnic violence between communities living in the Manipur region of Northern India. The goal was to support a skills training program for those who had to flee their homes and livelihoods, and who were now faced with unemployment, poverty, and insufficient skills to provide for themselves and their families while living in relief camps.

Since the start of this project, the program has provided successful education and support for 114 individuals and has become an established program within the community. Following the initial support provided by CRWRF, this program will be able to run self-sufficiently and can continue operating without additional assistance. What a blessing! Please pray with us that this program will continue to succeed and be a blessing to those it serves.



USING LOCAL WEAVING TECHNIQUES TO MAKE A LIVELIHOOD.



STUDENTS LEARNING COMPUTER AND SEWING SKILLS.



DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AID VIA THE RIVERS.

Myanmar

## Earthquake Response 2025

Following the earthquake that struck Myanmar on March 28, 2025, CRWRF partnered with Partners Relief & Development to work alongside local teams in providing relief aid and supporting community stability in remote and unsettled areas. The need in these isolated villages was especially great, as larger relief organizations often do not extend their support to these regions.

Through the financial support of our donors, this project was able to directly assist over 1,400 individuals by rebuilding homes, installing a water purification system to provide clean drinking water, and repairing and rebuilding two schools that were destroyed by the earthquake. We remain in close contact with our partner organizations as we continue to support the completion of these school repairs.



A MAN IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE WHICH WAS REPAIRED.

## Join us! 2026 Annual General Meeting

**Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026**

**LOCATION:** Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church, Hamilton ON

**TIME:** 8:30pm EDT (7:30pm CDT; 6:30pm MDT; 5:30pm PDT)

**RSVP:** Contact Sara at [admin@crwrf.ca](mailto:admin@crwrf.ca) to receive an AGM package.

Are you unable to be in Hamilton that night?  
**Join us via Zoom!**

Central African Republic

## Pygmies Medical Care

The project was an outpatient health care campaign conducted in July and August 2025 in remote equatorial forest villages such as Moale, Lokombe, Mondimba, and Bakota. The goal was to contribute to the improvement of the health conditions of the indigenous Bayaka (Pygmies) population.

During the campaign, the team treated 1,421 cases of disease, with the most frequent being malaria (387 cases), intestinal parasitic infections (235 cases), and scabies (111 cases). The action provided free care and highlighted the critical need for additional support, including continued healthcare initiatives, improved hygiene and sanitation education, and assistance for schooling and clothing due to extreme poverty.



NURSES TREATING THOSE SUFFERING FROM DISEASE.



## Child Development Update



TWINS BEING TREATED, AND NOW THRIVING!

Liberia



A MOTHER WHO WAS UNABLE TO BREASTFEED HER TWINS AND RECEIVED FORMULA.

## ELWA Pediatric Hospital

**The Pediatric Hospital and Malnutrition Ward in Liberia continues to support vulnerable mothers and children. The country struggles with extreme poverty, and the hospital works under intense conditions. They have shortages of staff, supplies, finances, and equipment. And our Lord continues to uphold them.**

CRWRF supports a formula program which provides life-saving nutrition for babies under 6 months whose mothers cannot feed them, often due to medical conditions. We also provide funding for the salaries for several of the nursing staff members, so they can see more children, and a triage training program for the nurses. In October 2025 alone, 1,629 children were screened for malnutrition, and 408 cans of formula were distributed in December 2025 and January 2026.



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# HIV/AIDS Response Update



LEFT: THE HOME-BASED CARE OFFICE. RIGHT: A NEW STAFF MEMBER.



South Africa

## Khothatsong Association

**Khothatsong Association is a Christian mercy ministry in Soshanguve (a township north of Pretoria, South Africa), which was formed during Apartheid through the forced relocation of Black families. The community continues to face high unemployment, poverty, and the long-term effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.**

Khothatsong operates under the mission church of the Free Reformed Churches in South Africa (FRCSA), a small federation of four congregations that are sister-churches to the Canadian Reformed Churches. Because it is a church-run ministry rather than an independent NGO, its work flows directly from the church's diaconal calling to care for the vulnerable.

### CRWRF SUPPORTS TWO CORE COMPONENTS OF THIS MINISTRY:

1. Home-based nursing: trained community nurses visit the sick, elderly, and chronically ill in their homes, offering medical care, encouragement, and Christian compassion.
2. Two foster homes: providing a stable, loving, family-style environment for children who have lost parents or cannot safely remain at home.

Khothatsong is currently in a period of leadership transition. There is a new manager, and the organization has recently undergone board changes and internal restructuring. They are also developing a new strategic plan to clarify their direction and ensure faithful stewardship of resources.

# Could this be you?

**Become involved in something special! CRWRF is looking to fill two volunteer roles on the Board.**

Please contact Sara at [admin@crwrf.ca](mailto:admin@crwrf.ca) if you are interested or would like more information.

### KENYA CHILD SPONSOR LIAISON

This position involves maintaining our longstanding relationship with Africa Inland Child and Community Agency for Development (AICCAD). We currently support three Child Rescue Centres and a list of Child Sponsorships. You would be involved in Board meetings and review project agreements and reports.

### SECRETARY

This position does not mean you have to take Board meeting minutes, but it does involve writing! Duties include putting together the newsletters and annual report each year, as well as preparing a Secretary's report for the Annual General Meetings. You would develop an overall perspective on all the projects and also be involved in Executive decisions.

